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**TO:** Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Cranston

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Council will be asked to review and approve projects each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve Necessity of School Construction applications. A chart summarizing Cranston Public Schools' projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects for the Cranston Public Schools totaling \$13,497,432 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$7,010,242):**

**Cranston School District:**

- a. Repairs and Renovations:
  - i. Eden Park Elementary School \$ 8,802,432
  - ii. Hope Highlands Middle School \$ 1,658,249
  - iii. Western Hills Middle School \$ 3,036,751

## SUMMARY: FY 2019 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2019 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
<b>Repairs and Renovations</b>	This project will address repairs at three schools – Eden Park Elementary School, Hope Highlands Middle School, and Western Hills Middle School. The proposed repairs will address exterior envelope repairs, as well as a major renovation of a portion of the Eden Park ES, including educational enhancements, code compliance and life safety issues, and other high priority improvements.	This project will address high priority deficiencies such as exterior envelope improvements and appurtenances. The projects will also include educational enhancements to create 21 <sup>st</sup> century collaborative learning environments that are aligned with the LEA's educational program. Renovations will also include ADA compliance improvements and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	Base Rate  52%	\$13,497,432	\$7,010,242	\$9,954,546
			Maximum Rate  72%***	\$13,497,432	\$9,709,729	\$13,787,818

\* State share ratio is based on FY2019 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

\*\* Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

\*\*\* District may be eligible for up to 20% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.